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After providing the keynote address at the College's Faculty Orientation yesterday, Hon. Governor Togiola Tulafono (center) visits with ASCC President Dr. Adele Satele-Galea'i (right) and Board of Higher Education Chairman Pemerika Tauiilili (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

## Governor Togiola Gives Keynote Address at ASCC Faculty Orientation

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

In preparation for the fall 2006 semester, the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) held its faculty orientation yesterday, an occasion which also marked a milestone for the College. Hon. Governor Togiola Tulafono provided the keynote address for the event, which marked the first time in the history of ASCC when an incumbent governor has participated in the faculty orientation.

ASCC President Dr. Adele Satele-Galea'i introduced Governor Togiola by acknowledging how he has "quietly provided support" for the College many times. The Governor has consistently ensured that the College receives funding for capital improvements, and has also played an instrumental role in the establishment of grants and scholarships. Governor Togiola further assisted ASCC in acquiring the book collection in its Library, and lent his personal support to the Faleula o Fatua'iupu Samoan Language Commission.

Togiola began his keynote address by describing ASCC as "the end of the line, as well as the top of the line" in the American Samoa educational system. The Governor described teaching as "a sacred trust," and remarked that, "The common interest of the public in a better future for American Samoa makes everyone in the Territory a trustee of our College." Emphasizing the trust the public places in the College faculty to make a positive difference, Governor Togiola urged the ASCC instructors to, "Teach the truth, and make yourself an example of integrity."

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## Governor Togiola Tulafono meets with Mayor Mufi Hannemann

(UTULEI) – Governor Togiola Tulafono met with the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Hon. Muliufi 'Mufi' Hannemann, at a breakfast meeting on Friday, where discussions included possible assistance of the Honolulu Police Department for local law enforcement personnel training and other matters related to the American Samoa Government.

Mayor Hannemann returned to Honolulu last night. He arrived last Thursday night for an unofficial visit to the Territory—his annual visit to his mother's gravesite.

The following is the official statement from Governor Togiola:

"We spoke generally of the economic situation in American Samoa, like the canneries, fiber optic, small business development, as well as the situation with airlines between American Samoa and Honolulu, American Samoa and Independent State of Samoa, New Zealand and Australia.

Mayor Hannemann made a general offer that if there's anything that we need help with he would be glad to help if he can. I accepted his offer for assistance.

For starters, I asked his consideration of reopening the opportunity to train our best and brightest at Honolulu Police Department, so they can return and be the trainers.

Mayor Hannemann promised to look into that and let me know how they may be able to assist in that regard. I did not ask help in anything else this time. We agreed to keep the lines of communication always open."

## HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

**On August 12, 1914**, the German steamer *Elsass*, "a splendid passenger and cargo vessel of about 15,000 tons" left German Samoa and sought refuge in Pago Pago Harbor shortly after the outbreak of World War I. She remained there until April 7, 1917 (*q.v.*), when the U.S. Navy seized her after the United States declared war on Germany.

**On August 12, 1926**, a very mild form of "simple [to be distinguished from the deadly "Spanish"] influenza" appeared on the north shore of Pago Pago Bay, and spread rapidly until there were "from 4,000 to 5,000 cases on Tutuila." The epidemic was finished at the end of September.

**On August 13, 1899**, Commander Benjamin Franklin Tilley, USN, age 51, arrived in Pago Pago Harbor aboard USS *Abarenda*, a 4,000-ton naval auxiliary freighter. Upon arrival, Tilley became Officer in Charge of the U.S. Naval station Tutuila, which was already under construction. *Abarenda* remained as station ship until May 29, 1902. Her officers and senior non-commissioned officers included Lieutenant Commander Edward J. Dorn (Serial Number 359), Ensign Louis C. Richardson (1119), Assistant Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Edward Maurice Blackwell (1760), Assistant Paymaster Charles Morris, Jr. (1991), Chief Boatswain Henry Hudson (3515), Boatswain Hjalmar E. Olsen (3550) and Warrant Machinist George L. Russell (4007).

**On August 13, 1942**, at the U.S. Navy's Mobile Hospital No. 3 ("MOB 3") in Mapusaga, American Samoa, "General [Henry L.] Larsen, [USMC, Commanding General, Samoan Defense Group] came through with some very fine and generous help; forty-five Marine Corps carpenters arrived at Mapusaga. Within a few days they had the morgue, laboratory and dental building completed on Upper Pearl Street, and moved along up the north arch of Sands Street to construct the urology clinic, two urology wards, the receiving ward, and the eye, ear, nose and throat wards; then over to the south arch of Sands Street to build two more surgical wards. This gave us sixty-five buildings, including wards for 140 beds. For the first time, we had a comfortable bed margin over the patient census."

**On August 15, 1943**, Eni Fa'auaa Hunkin (later Eni F.H. Faleomavaega), American Samoa's Lieutenant Governor (1985-1989) and Congressional Delegate since 1989, was born "at the outskirts of the village of Vailoatai, Tutuila."

**On August 15, 1945**, the U.S. Marine Corps Barracks, Tutuila, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel E.D. Dunkle, was closed.

**On August 15, 1989**, Earl Baker Ruth, 46<sup>th</sup> Governor of American Samoa (February 6, 1975-September 30, 1976) passed away in Salisbury, North Carolina.

**On August 16, 2002**, funeral services for Governor A.P. Lutali were held at the Samoana High School Gymnasium in Utulei, American Samoa. This was the first state funeral of a governor ever held in American Samoa. Governor Tauese Sunia, who served as Director of Education in Lutali's first administration, and as Lieutenant Governor delivered a eulogy. As he concluded his address at Governor A.P. Lutali's funeral, Governor Tauese Sunia renamed two elementary schools in honor of deceased former governors. These were the Aunu'u Elementary School, renamed the A.P. Lutali Elementary School and the Pago Pago Elementary School, renamed as the Uifa'atali Peter Coleman Elementary School. Governor Tauese's announcement brought applause from the crowd of mourners who appreciated the latest government gesture to honor the two leaders.

**On August 17, 1904**, the Navy Department gave \$250 to Tui Manu'a Elisara for the completion of the school at Ta'u.

**On August 18, 1887**, the *Kaimiloa*, royal vessel of Hawaii's King Kalakaua, departed from Pago Pago. Captain Jackson was detained because, despite being ordered to leave Samoa, he traded the ship's silverware for whiskey and spent most of his time drunk on the beach.

## Governor Togiola issues statement on Hawaiian Airlines plea to DOT

(UTULEI) - In response to the request filed by Hawaiian Airlines with the United States Department of Transportation, Governor Togiola Tulafono issued the following statement today:

"Hawaiian Airlines has disgraced itself in serving American Samoa. The shame of its economic and ethnic abuse towards our people is ignored in its single-minded efforts to continue to hold onto its predatory profits. The income derived from its American Samoa monopoly adds annually 12 to 14 million dollars to its bottom line. The fact that Hawaiian Airlines is taking this out of our small economy with one of the lowest per capita income under the American flag, is of no interest to them.

As Hawaiian Airlines sees American Samoa preparing to rid themselves of their enterprise, they are looking everywhere for cover. Instead of attending to the issues of modifying their behavior, Hawaiian Airlines is seeking help from the Federal Department of Transportation so they can continue their abuse with impunity.

Last week, Hawaiian Airlines publicly urged the U.S. Department of Transportation to issue a Declaratory Order against the U. S. Territory of American Samoa, declaring that its preliminary Executive Order dealing with Hawaiian Airlines is null and void.

No one can even remember the Federal Department of Transportation having ever issued a Declaratory Order against the Federal Department of the Interior or an agency within the Department. The Territory of American Samoa is such a Federal agency.

Equally so, no one can remember the Federal Department of the Interior ever issuing a Declaratory Order against the Federal Department of Transportation, or any other Federal Department.

Issues between Federal Departments, if any, are handled within the Federal Government's organization.

At the appropriate time, we will as a matter of course, further consult with the Department of Transportation and other Departments within our Federal Government.

Hawaiian Airlines and its grappling lawyers have tried to avoid dealing with the fact that American Samoa is not a "State". It is an unorganized U.S. Territory that is wholly part of the Federal Government. When the Governor of American Samoa issues an Executive Order, it is done with the authority of the Federal Government, given to it by the United States Congress.

This United States Territory operates totally by authority granted by Congress. What Congress allows us to do, we do it. Where Congress restricts us, we comply. It's that simple.

Nothing complicated like Hawaiian Airlines and its lawyers are pretending. They argue and ask the Department of Transportation to conclude as the basis for a Declaratory Order that American Samoa is under and controlled by the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution (Art. VI, paragraph 2), which says that the Constitution and Federal laws supersede "State" laws. It would be difficult for the Department of Transportation to comply with such a bizarre request. We are not a "State" but part of the supervening Federal Government itself. Hawaiian Airlines' using the Supremacy Clause in an argument with this United States Territory, reflects an interesting lack of comprehension in an area where there is no uncertainty. In 1816, Chief Justice John Marshall wrote that a Territory is not a state "in the sense in which that term is used in the Constitution." New Orleans v. Winter, 14 U.S. 91. Conflicts contemplated by the Supremacy Clause with "States" are not at issue here.

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## ASCC Faulty Orientation

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On the topic of his administration's support for ASCC, Togiola observed, "If we had all the money in the world, we would make sure you received the same pay as teachers at Princeton or Yale, because you deserve it, but with our limited resources, we do what we can." The Governor went on to describe how recent initiatives in support of the College have included an increased number of scholarships for local high school graduates to attend ASCC, rather than going directly to off-island institutions. "Data shows that graduates of ASCC do better at off-island colleges," Togiola stated. "Among our students who go off-island right after high school, statistics show that less than 40% of them end up succeeding."

"Good things are happening here, and our country owes you a great deal of gratitude," said the Governor, who concluded his address with the wish that the ASCC faculty, "Make a difference for our country and our children."

Following the Governor's address, Board of Higher Education Chairman Pemerika Tauiilili thanked Togiola for his address, as well as his continued support of ASCC. Chairman Tauiilili went on to discuss the College's priorities, which include the continuing development of its Trades & Industry, Nursing, Samoan Language and Culture, and Teacher Education baccalaureate degree programs. Tauiilili emphasized the importance of the College faculty assisting local students in making the transition from high school to college, and expressed his hopes that more local students will take advantage of the opportunities ASCC can offer them.

During the orientation session President Satele-Galea'i also took the opportunity to introduce some new ASCC directors and faculty members. Dr. Irene Helsham has moved from Director of Student Services to Director of Academic Affairs. Bill Emmsley begins this semester as the Dean of Trades & Technology. Dr. Emilia Le'i is Acting Director of Student Services, and Dr. Ta'ita'ifono Otineru is Acting Director of Adult Education, Literacy and Extended Learning (AELEL). Dr. Kathleen Kolhoff is the new Director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. New faculty members include Sea Grant Director/Marine Science instructor John Gonzales, and a new addition to the Language & Literature Department, Lawrence Wilson. Stephen Michael Kellat joins the ASCC Library this semester as Cataloger.

An especially moving moment during the orientation came when two ASCC staff members made a special presentation of behalf of College staff who recently served in Iraq. Computer technician Jack Uhrle and security officer Misi Taua'i returned home safely this summer after serving an overseas tour of duty in the War on Terror. They presented the College with a flag from Iraq, in appreciation for all of the support and prayers offered by ASCC for their staff and students on active duty. On the bottom of the flag, embossed in gold, are the names of the ASCC staff who served in the conflict. Dr. Satele-Galea'i said she will have the Iraqi flag encased in glass and displayed in a soon-to-be-determined location on campus.



ASCC President Dr. Adele Satele-Galea'i (center) displays an Iraqi flag donated by staff members Misi Taua'i (left) and Jack Uhrle, both of whom served an active tour of duty in the Middle East.

(Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

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***Governor Togiola issues statement on Hawaiian Airlines plea to DOT****(from page 2)*

The Governor's foremost duty required by Congress is to use the powers it has granted to this Territory, to act for the welfare of the American Samoa people.

Control of its borders, is a power granted by Congress to the administration of this Territory, since 1929. Border control exists to prevent harm to the general public. Border control does not care whether the party or the offending enterprise to be barred is attempting to enter by car, bus, vessel, or aircraft. It is outcome oriented to stop harm to the public. In deregulating the airlines, and giving them economic freedom, Congress showed no intent to destroy the working power of border control, that fundamental authority that must exist for the protection and welfare of the general public.

I sincerely believe that if Hawaiian Airlines were still owned and controlled by the old Hawaiian families, we would not be having this problem of out of control, excessive fares and fees, and unapologized ethnic abuse. They understood the respect and moderation that mutual caring required within the widespread Pacific Ocean Communities.

But now we have a Hawaiian Airlines controlled and managed by people who think that an airline in the Pacific is just a flying theme park, costumed in Hawaiian culture, and money, money is all that this air transportation is about. Gone is the heritage of "taking care" in Hawaiian Airlines' relations with the Pacific Island communities.

These new mainland investors have put in a CEO, Mark B. Dunkerley, who has never before run an airline, and who is largely responsible for the excessive fares and fees imposed on the American Samoan community. Sooner or later a mature executive learns that going to any excess leads to destructive instability. Unfortunately and unwillingly, we have been forced to be part of Mr. Dunkerley's learning curve."

**ASCC UCEDD Hosts Disabilities Advocacy Training***By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer*

The University Center for Excellence and Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) hosted a unique technical assistance training last week, during which three specialists from off-island shared their expertise in areas requested by the UCEDD. The guest trainers, Dr. Margaret A. Nygren, Gordon Richins, and Dotty Kelly, focused on two main topics: the importance of research and the recommended processes for carrying it out, and the advantages of stakeholders forming a Community Advisory Council (CAC).

Dr. Nygren is the Technical Assistance Director for the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), based in Washington DC; Richins serves as Consumer Liaison for the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University; and Kelly is the Pacific Outreach Initiative (POI) Specialist at the Center for Disability Studies at U.H. Manoa. The training, organized by UCEDD Coordinator Tafa Mamea and her staff, and held at Sadie's by the Sea in Utulei, attracted participants from both Tutuila and Manu'a, some of whom have developmental disabilities themselves, along with parents and caregivers. Hon. Gov. Togiola Tulafono attended an evening reception for the visitors, and gave a welcoming speech affirming the government's commitment to providing assistance for citizens with disabilities in American Samoa.

Mamea explained how a Community Advisory Council, which should consist primarily of individuals with disabilities and/or their family and caregivers, can work in tandem with the UCEDD to everyone's advantage. "The CAC can provide community recommendation via the development of a five-year plan. Input from the CAC will help the UCEDD identify the needs of individuals with disabilities in the community. The core functions of the UCEDD are to provide education, interdisciplinary training, technical assistance, community outreach services, research, and dissemination of information. These core functions could involve housing, transportation, education, early intervention, recreation, health, child care, quality assurance, employment, and other community support activities. The CAC can help the UCEDD identify up to five of these areas to focus on through their five-year plan."

The technical assistance training included a presentation on research, with a somewhat different emphasis. As Mamea explains, "The research portion was to provide information to the Coordinating Council (which consists of ASCC faculty and administrators) on how to work with the UCEDD to do research and data collection. The UCEDD can actually do joint research with other countries who focus on issues that affect individuals with disabilities. This may include basic, applied, and developmental research, as well as evaluation and analysis of public policies. Other UCEDDs have done international research projects with Canada, Europe, Finland, Haiti, Italy, Russia, and United Arab Emirates. At the American Samoa UCEDD, we hope to do more research within our islands, as well as other Pacific countries like Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia, and to provide technical assistance in quality assurance, employment, and child care issues."

When asked which factor she felt contributed most to the success of the training, Mamea responded, "We had full participation of representatives from all of the islands of American Samoa. We had participants understanding more about 'People First' language, and formulating the appropriate terms to give a more positive perception of people with disabilities. Until now, many parents were confused as to which of the several advisory councils to seek representation from. We differentiated the roles of individuals with disabilities and their parents within the various councils."

Mamea acknowledged the ongoing support of those in American Samoa who play a crucial role in maintaining services for the disabled. "I want to thank Governor Togiola for his support, for always making an effort to be there for our community, and for meeting with individuals with disabilities and their families. The Governor always makes an effort to interact with them. Also, ASCC President Dr. Adele Satele-Galea'i and Vice President Dr. Seth Galea'i have provided continuous support for the UCEDD. If it wasn't for these individuals' support, our program would face insurmountable challenges. The UCEDD at ASCC has grown so much in the past 13 years because of their support. We are already in preparation for an employment summit training workshop in two months, so their support has definitely paved the way for more outreach training to the community."

For more information on the care for the disabled in American Samoa, call ASCC at 699-9155 and ask for the UCEDD.